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EXPERIENCE

Office of the Tennessee State Chief Medical Examiner
Deputy State Chief Medical Examiner
November 2019 to present

Knox County Medical Examiner's Office and Regional Forensic Center
Assistant Medical Examiner
January 2015 to present

Nashville/Davidson County Medical Examiner's Office and Middle TN Regional Forensic Center
Chief Medical Examiner, December 2010 to December 2014
Interim Chief Medical Examiner, March 2010 to December 2010
Deputy Chief Medical Examiner, July 2004 to March 2010
Assistant Chief Medical Examiner, July 2002 to June 2004

Forensic Medical Management Services
Chief Medical Officer, August 2010 to 2013
Chief Operations Officer, July 2007 to August 2010

Deputy Medical Examiner, State of Tennessee Office of Chief Medical Examiner
Middle Grand Division
January 2010 to June 2013, May 2014 to December 2014

Anatomic and Clinical Laboratory Associates, Baptist Hospital Dept. of Pathology
Nashville, TN
February 1999 to May 2001

EDUCATION

Fellowship in Forensic Pathology
Miami/Dade Medical Examiner's Office/University of Miami School of Medicine
July 2001-June 2002

Anatomic and Clinical Pathology Residency
Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN
July 1996-June 2001

Doctor of Medicine
Meharry Medical College, Nashville, TN
August 1992-May 1996

Bachelor of Science in Chemistry
Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN
August 1988-May 1992

CERTIFICATION

American Board of Pathology
Anatomic and Clinical Pathology 2001
Forensic Pathology 2002

LICENSURE

Tennessee, Texas, and Mississippi

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Forensic Sciences
National Association of Medical Examiners
 Ethics Committee
 Quality Improvement Committee (2018)
College of American Pathologists
 Forensic Pathology Resource Committee
Tennessee Medical Association
Knoxville Academy of Medicine

HONORS

Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society
Chief Resident, Department of Pathology, 2000-2001
ASCP Medical Student Fellowship in Pathology, 1994
Guernsey Holloway Award in Clinical Pathology, 1994
Meharry Medical College Dean's Honor Roll, 1993-1996
Elizabeth Buford Shepherd Scholarship, 1988-1992

PUBLICATIONS

Hawes A, Martin D. A Dose of Reality: Drug Death Investigations and the Criminal Justice System. The Champion. Accepted for publication July 2019.

Hawes A, Mileusnic-Polchan D. Medical Examiners and "Manner of Death": How is a Suicide Determination Made? Tennessee Bar Journal, February 2019.

Papsun D, Hawes A, Mohr AL, Friscia M, Logan BK. Case Series of Novel Illicit Opioid Related Deaths. Academic Forensic Pathology. Sept. 2017; Volume 7; Issue 3

Hawes AM, Rose CE, Duncan L. Validation of OraQuick HCV Rapid Antibody Test in Postmortem Specimens. Presented at National Association of Medical Examiners Annual Meeting, Phoenix Arizona, October 2017.

Hawes, AM. Drug-Related Deaths: The Medical Examiner Perspective. Tennessee Medicine. Journal of the Tennessee Medical Association. Vol. 109, No. 4; Quarter 4, 2016.

Hawes A, Lewis A, Raybin S, Cline-Parhamovich K. Medical Examiner Mistakes in Tennessee: A proposed model for formal, comprehensive death investigation peer review. Presented at International Symposium on Forensic Science Error Management. Hosted by National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), July 22, 2014, Washington D.C.

Continuing Education Tutorials (FR Program) for the College of American Pathologists Forensic Pathology Committee: Investigation of Opioid deaths, Long QT Syndrome, Sudden Death in Epilepsy, Thyrotoxicosis and Thyroid Storm, Neonatal Herpes, Interrupted Aortic Arch

Hawes, A et. al. Fatal Firearm Injuries in Tennessee: A Comparison Study of Tennessee's Two Most Populous Counties 2009-2012. Journal of Forensic Sciences, Volume 61, Issue 3, May 2016.

Martin CA, Unni P, Landman MP, Feurer ID, McMaster A, Dabrowiak M, et al. Race disparities in firearm injuries and outcomes among Tennessee children. J Pediatr Surg 2012; 47:1196-1203.

"Suicidal Ligature Strangulation: Case Report and Review of the Literature", McMaster A et.al., Journal of Forensic Sciences 3/2001; presented in poster format at American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) 1999 annual meeting in Orlando, FL

SELECTED INVITED LECTURES AND ACTIVITIES

Appalachia HIDTA/Knox County Drug-Related Death Task Force
Medical Examiner Liaison

National Institute of Justice
Peer Reviewer
Drugs and Crime Solicitation, 2017 and 2018

Investigation of Drug-related deaths
United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of Georgia
Savannah, GA
June 2019

SELECTED INVITED LECTURES AND ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

“Gunshot Wounds”

National Forensic Academy

Knoxville, TN

January 2019

“A Dose of Reality: Standardized Investigation of Drug Overdose Deaths”

Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Heroin and Opioid Diversion Course

Bell Buckle, TN

December 2018

US Attorneys’ Statewide Healthcare Fraud Task Force Meeting

“A Dose of Reality: Standardized Investigation of Drug Overdose Deaths”

Frankfort, KY

November 2018

Tennessee Narcotics Officers Association

Standardized Investigation of Drug Overdose Deaths

Chattanooga, TN

November 2018

“Drug Overdose Deaths” and “Basic Death Investigation”

National Forensic Academy

Knoxville, TN

November 2018

“A Medical Examiner’s Perspective on the Use of Toxicology in NPS Related Cases”

Best Practice Guidance for Advancing Research Initiatives and Combatting the Synthetic Drug Epidemic

The Center for Forensic Science Research and Education

Webinar

July 2018

“Drug Overdose Deaths”

2018 Gatlinburg Law Enforcement Conference

Gatlinburg, TN

May 2018

“Drug Overdose Deaths” and “Basic Death Investigation”

National Forensic Academy

Knoxville, TN

March 2018

SELECTED INVITED LECTURES AND ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

“The Role of the Medical Examiner in Drug Overdose Deaths”
Tennessee Opioid Epidemic Consortium
Spring Hill, TN
November 2017

“The Role of the Medical Examiner in Drug Overdose Deaths”
National Forensic Academy
Knoxville, TN
November 2017

“The Role of the Medical Examiner in Drug Overdose Deaths: What are we missing?”
Utah Narcotic Officers Association
Mesquite, NV
August 2017

“The Role of the Medical Examiner in Drug Overdose Deaths: What are we missing?”
Society of Forensic Toxicologists
Nashville, TN
August 2017

“The Role of the Medical Examiner in Drug Overdose Deaths: What are We Missing?”
National Forensic Academy
April 2017

“A Dose of Reality: Investigation of Drug-Related Deaths”
Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Heroin/Opioid Diversion Course
Bell Buckle, TN
February 2017

“The Role of the Medical Examiner in Drug Overdose Deaths: What are We Missing?”
Arkansas Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Summit
Little Rock, Arkansas
November 2016

“A Dose of Reality: Investigation of Drug-Related Deaths”
Metro Drug Coalition Legislative Luncheon
Knoxville, TN
November 2016

“Sudden Unexplained Infant Death”
Handle with Care Conference West Virginia Center for Children’s Justice
Charleston, WV
October 2016

SELECTED INVITED LECTURES AND ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

“The Role of the Medical Examiner in Drug Overdose Deaths: What are We Missing?”
Utah Prescription Drug Abuse Summit
Salt Lake City, Utah
September 2016

“The Role of the Medical Examiner in Drug Overdose Deaths: What are We Missing?”
Colorado Drug Investigators Association
Colorado Springs, Colorado
September 2016

“Dealing with the Growing Overdose Deaths Associated with Opioid and Heroin Addiction”
Education and Prevention Summit to Combat Opioid Addiction in East Tennessee
Knoxville, TN
August 2016

“Drug Overdose Deaths: What are We Missing?”
Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) Executive Office of the President
Washington, DC
April 2016

“Drug Overdose Deaths: What are We Missing?”
High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) National Conference
February 2016
Washington DC

“Sudden Infant Death: Basic Investigation and Common Misunderstandings”
University of Tennessee Medical Center
Grand Rounds, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
November 2015

“Drug Overdose Deaths: The Role of the Medical Examiner”
National Forensic Academy
Knoxville, TN
October 2015

“Drug Overdose Deaths: The Role of the Medical Examiner”
National Methamphetamine and Pharmaceutical Initiative National Strategy Meeting
Tulsa, OK
June 2015

TBI Advanced Crime Scene School
Medical examiner jurisdiction and drug overdose investigation
Nashville TN August 2014

Medical examiner jurisdiction, drug overdose deaths, and mass-fatality incidents
Forensic Institute for Research and Education (FIRE)
Middle Tennessee State University
Murfreesboro, TN
August 2014

Micro Drug Forum
Sponsored by Tennessee Department of Health
Nashville, TN
July 2014

Drug deaths and Gunshot wounds
Tennessee Association of Medical Examiners
Nashville, TN
January 2013

Prescription Drug Abuse Workshop
Tennessee Department of Health
Nashville, Memphis, and Oak Ridge, Tennessee
January, February, and March 2013

Drug abuse lecture
National Methamphetamine and Pharmaceutical Initiative
Charleston, SC
May 2013

CLINICAL APPOINTMENTS

Adjunct Assistant Professor
Department of Pathology
Meharry Medical College
Nashville, TN

Affiliate Medical Staff
University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine
Department of Pathology
Knoxville, TN

Clinical Affiliate Faculty
Vanderbilt University Medical Center
Department of Pathology, Immunology, and Microbiology
Nashville, TN
2004-2014 (Inactive)